

In the Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of billing, the method comprising:

in a billing system for a communication network, generating account information related to provisioning a communication service from a ~~third-party~~ third-party network for a customer;

receiving network information from the communication network into the billing system;

in the billing system, processing the network information to determine network charges related to usage of the communication network by the customer;

receiving ~~third-party~~ third-party information in a standard file layout from the ~~third-party~~ third-party network into the billing system, wherein the standard file layout comprises service account records;

in the billing system, processing the ~~third-party~~ third-party information to identify the account information, detect errors in the ~~third-party~~ third-party information, extract the ~~third-party~~ third-party information from the standard file layout, and determine ~~third-party~~ third-party charges related to usage of the ~~third-party~~ third-party network by the customer;

in the billing system, calculating a single invoice for the customer that includes the network charges and ~~third-party~~ third-party charges; and

in the billing system, generating the single invoice.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the account information is an account record for the communication service.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the network charge is an equipment charge.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein calculating the single invoice is based on a customer profile and further comprises identifying the customer profile for the customer.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein calculating the single invoice further comprises calculating a discount.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein calculating the single invoice comprises calculating taxes.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein calculating the single invoice comprises verifying the calculation of the single invoice.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
generating and transmitting an order record to the ~~third-party~~ third-party network; and
receiving and processing a response to the order record from the ~~third-party~~ third-party network.

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